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operator, head of the corpor-

ation that owns the John Marshall,

the William Byrd and the Hotel

Richmond, in Richmond. He is also

interested in the Natural Bridge,

Va. hotel and knows the ways of

tourists. Mr. Bruce, also promi-

nent and financially responsible, is

connected with the Union Trust &

Investment Co., of Richmond. There

is no mistake about their ability to

finance the construction of the

Under the terms of the contract

signed in this city Monday Messrs.

Gresham and Bruce will supply the

capital for the construction of the bridge, if they avail themselves of

their contracts. A new company

will be organized in which Messrs.

Blades and Gaither will share only

a two fifths interest. Their 4,900

acres of Kitty Hawk Beach do not

enter into the contract except as

security for a \$250,000 bond issue

to be provided to finance the bridge.

This will not interefere with sale

of the lands in small parcels, as a

clause of the contract provides for

the release of any part of the lands

upon the payment of a certain

reasonable sum per acre into the

# IS SIMMERING DOWN TO BAILEY

All the Aspirants to the Toga of Sultan Simmons, osiah William Bailey Has Made No Mistakes, Lost Time-He Knew What He Wanted

This Boy Knew What

He wanted

torial toga have eliminated them-

Elizabeth City banks are crowd-

ed from 7 P. M. to 8 P. M. every

Saturday night. Many of those

who crowd the banks at this hour

are salary or wage workers who

are paid by check. They go to the

him something on account.

\$5,000 bond each.

bank to get their check cashed.

By W. O. SAUNDERS

the man who captures the prizes in this life is the man shat he wants. The leader in every situation is the man angram and slicks to it. He knows what he wants. The sare of what it wants, without a definite objective or a als own, eventually falls in behind the man who has never his objective, who has a program. Now let's see how this get in Eastern North Carolina with respect to the U. S.

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leaders. cine talked of for John Dawson. Warren, W. J. Stacy, Angus Wilton Josiah Daniels. Dawson Kerr and n definitely elimictain no idea of has made no

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nor McLean is the selves from the running. Read W. swaved by many un- Simmering Down to Bailey. has lost himself. time had about made oppose Simmons; relish a fight and he o oppose Simmons; on is sure of Goverunopposed in the would die in office. PAY ON ACCOUNT es out of office. Gardner would fill the Senator's Election to the tald be nearly a on McLean bethe suggestion Simmons would already divided North Carolina and to the hands of the suggestion altho 1930. all-h and selfish was nsingus talked it up ant corner of the McLean men spread her corner of the in't impress Josiah

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opposed the nominight banking hours originated in m North Caro- Every big merchant to-day has a re- yielded. here is no North spectable steel safe. in the Senate. support the afternoons.

### WANTS MT. AIRY **GRANITE FOR** WRIGHT BEACON

North Carolina Mt. Airy Granite will be urged for the proposed Wright Memorial for Kill Devit Hill. Congressman Lindsay Warren will demand it and Brig. Genl. L. H. Bash, Quartermaster General of the Army and Capt. John A. Gilman, construction engineer for the Quartermaster's department, under whose direction the monument will be built are both partial to the North Carolina material.

Congressman Warren and W. O. Saunders, president of the Kill Devil Hills Memorial Association, had a long conference with General Bash last Friday. Monday Mr. Warren conferred with Assistant Secretary of War F. Trubee Davidson and discussed the Wright Memorial with him. Mr. Davidson's strong personality is remembered by the many visitors attending the Kill Devil Hills celebration last year. As a result of the conference it was decided to ask the Joint Committee on the Library for a re-consideration of the plans for the memorial which Senator Bingham caused to be rejected last February. The hearing before the committee will be shortespicable a part that Josiah William Bailey of Ral- ly after Christmas. Mr. Warren dn't go before the the U. S. Senate in the Democratic constructed out of North Carolina plier than thou" Primary in 1930, and that he will granite, which will make the cost h he is as uneasy be Simmons' sele opponent in the Bioches. Everyone except Senator Bingham was enthusiastic about the plens last year.

-Miss Juanita Everhart, of Thomasspirant for the sena- C. Saunders' digest of an unusual ville, slept for four and a half but, without a definite situation under the caption, "It is months in a hospital at Morganton, awoke this week and is receiving nourishment. During her sleep she was fed thru artificial means.

Talkies have been found to sound

## A Very Old and Very Good Thing

EARLY nineteen hundred years ago there walked and preached in Palestone an itinerant preacher of humble to the control of the present that the control of the present that the control of the present that the present the present that the present the present that the present the present that the present the present the present the present that the present the pre loooked upon with scorn and contempt by nice people. He preached nothing new, taught nothing that had not been taught by Jewish prophets before him and by pagan philosophers of other lands and other times. But he founded a sect that in the course of time made an alliance with a powerful Roman emperor and, with state aid, established the most powerful ecclesiastical

The date of the birth of Jesus the Christ has never been established, but a Roman hierarchy arbitrarily fixed it as of December 25th, co-inciding with the time of the winter solstice then celebrated by eating, drinking and licentiousness among pagan

and political organization on earth.

Jesus taught nothing new under the sun and Christmas was a very ancient and venerable holiday thruout the pagan world long, long before Christ. But the cult which Jesus founded gave Christmas a rather new significance and it became symbolical of the best teachings of the Master who had reduced all philosophies to the simple axiom that all men are brothers, all children of the same Father and, as such, should live together on earth as one devoted family.

Humans, including most of the professing followers of Jesus, never have gotten the big idea in their heads, but they approach more nearly to the big idea at the Christmas time, for a few days in each year. And this is what makes Christmas beautiful and glorious Enter then into the spirit of Christmas and experience the great joy of being kind and tolerant and helpful and generous and cheerful for a brief season. It will pay you big dividends in satisfaction.

In that spirit the editor of this newspaper approaches the Christmas of 1929; may it bring you blessings that will live with you thru the New Year that lies just ahead.

PRICE CONTRACTOR CONTR



THE BANK CLERK AND THE SODA JERKER

A SOCIAL NOTE

It's going to embarrass a lot of tain of all gossip, the Soda Jerker. long time. "I have got the low down on that "The early morning scene cul- their supplies.

He knew what And they can't ask the merchant to was a high stepper and he was to find that none of them would cessfully to buy a pint of whiskey.

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Usually visitors don't have to try to was a high stepper and he was to find that none of them would cessfully to buy a pint of whiskey. enant to get their checks cashed.

At the same time ostany visitors don't have to try to the And they can't ask the merchant to was a high stepper and he was the Doc was in a helluva hole, be- buy it, they are solicited by henchand they can't ask the merchant to away from home a lot nights and cause if he went to court he'd have men of the town's biggest bootlegshe has been meat for gossips for a hard itme explaining what he was gers. a long time. They were drifting doing in another woman's room in City banks do not observe Satur- farther and farther apart and each doing in another woman's room in day night hours; Elizabeth City one workships for a change to come pajamas, drinking liquor with

might banking hours originated in Elizabeth City many years back when the merchants did the bulk of when the merchants did the bulk of when the merchants had satisfactory safes in which to carry over factory safes in which to carry over their Saturday receipts until the banks opened Monday morning. But some from the Ciarlie Jonas is Carolina Republik as a such he in North Carolina Republikation as a such he in the out until three o'clock in the morning. She complained of feeling bad and said she couldn't stay home by herself. He told her to get some one to stay with her. She 'phoned across town and got a girl friend to come over and stay with her. The girl friend to come over and stay with her. The girl friend to come over and stay with her. The girl friend to come over and stay with her. The girl friend to come over and stay with her. The wife leading the out until three o'clock in the morning. But the told her to get some over and stay with her. She 'phoned across country call that would keep him The wife packed up and left town."

It will only be a question of time the morning, got into his pajamas, smoking cigarettes in public and should get a before the banks will close on Sat- went in the dining room and mixed swapping risque stories with other tion of patron- urday at noon, following another himself a toddy and then walked female bums. She has been told of the hands of established city custom. Bankers into the company bed room. He says repeatedly to lay off the company Now it isn't the like to play golf; Saturday after- he didn't know there was any one she keeps, but she went to college the to turn any- noon finds most city bankers on a in the room until a voice spoke up two years, acquired the cigarette gets his hands golf course; Elizabeth City bankers out of the darkness and the wife's habit, a taste for corn liquor and a you doing in here?'

the life counter . - What's that old saying about fixing himself a drink and asked to have acquired some sense and where it is. —what's that old saying Funk, her if she would have one. She discernment. I aint got much are satisfied birds of a feather? Some and said her cold was worse and she besympathy for a girl who runs with would slay a A. Gus Dowdy, alleged whiskey deal- lieved she would. He went and got bad company; you got to pick your suggestion the dry law. On motion of counsel the bed and gave her the drink.

and the Senator- er of near Danville, were this week a drink for her and came back in company in a little town or, sooner Jonases strate- found guilty of conspiring to violate the room, sat down on the side of or later, they'll pick you." pared McLean, for Dowdy, judgement of the court And then things began to happen.

"What's all the talk about the pay me. I hate to pick on the girl on Saturday nights after Jan. 1, doctor and his wife?" asked the friend, but I have been wanting to have been caused by the absence Bank Clerk, addressing that foun- get even with her old daddy for a

their Saturday pay checks cashed. scandal from every angle," said the minated in the tricky wife going to their Saturday pay checks cashed.

Soda Jerker; "it's a hot story. You they will have to go to their merbers, they will have to go to their merbers, here happily married at all; she they will have to go to their merbers, they will have to go to their merbers and they will have to go to their merbers. McLean off. Said would be the efworded the pomistaturday nights after Jan. 1. Saturday nights after Jan. 2. Saturday nights night something on the other.

"Well, the Doc told his wife one wife the custody of their child and The custom of keeping Saturday night a few weeks ago that he had a agreeing to cough up \$200 a month.

"Doc. got home about 3 o'clock in see her lolling around this dump his patronage would like to play golf on Saturday girl friend said. What the hell are stock of wisecracks; she thinks she knows more than her old man and "Doc explained that he was just everybody else who has age enough

where I want you; you're going to Carolina Bank Bldg.

#### This Doesn't Read Like a True Story sentative citizens.

When one buys a pint of whiskey in Elizabeth City, that is not news, But when one tries to buy a pint and can't do it, that's news.

Maybe is was caused by a searcity of liquor, it being right near Christmas and at a time when everybody is purchasing their Christmas spirits and putting them into charred kegs. And then again it might of the bootleggers on their frequent trips to the country to replenish

Anyway, a visitor to Elizabeth City

#### Irish Name and Irish Beauty



announce his is arrested until January 6, at which "In bounced the Doc's wife, raising annual dividend to stockholders was britted of Sim-time Judge Johnson J. Hayes will be hell. 'Ah, hah!'," she chorted; "I've human body is affected by eye in Edgecombe County and is expected home for the holidays to be hell. 'Ah, hah!'," she chorted; "I've human body is affected by eye in Edgecombe County and is expected home for the holidays to be hell. 'Ah, hah!'," she chorted; "I've human body is affected by eye in Edgecombe County and is expected home for the holidays to be hell. 'Ah, hah!'," she chorted; "I've human body is affected by eye in Edgecombe County and is expected home for the holidays to be hell. 'Ah, hah!'," she chorted; "I've human body is affected by eye in Edgecombe County and is expected home for the holidays to be hell. 'Ah, hah!'," she chorted; "I've human body is affected by eye in Edgecombe County and is expected home for the holidays to be hell. 'Ah, hah!'," she chorted; "I've human body is affected by eye in Edgecombe County and is expected home for the holidays to be hell. 'Ah, hah!'," she chorted; "I've human body is affected by eye in Edgecombe County and is expected home for the holidays to be hell. 'Ah, hah!'," she chorted; "I've human body is affected by eye in Edgecombe County and is expected home for the holidays to be hell. 'Ah, hah!'," she chorted; "I've human body is affected by eye in Edgecombe County and is expected home for the holidays to be hell. 'Ah, hah!'," she chorted; "I've human body is affected by eye in Edgecombe County and is expected home for the holidays to be hell. 'Ah, hah!'," she chorted; "I've human body is affected by eye in Edgecombe County and is expected home for the holidays to be hell.' the first of Sim-time Judge Johnson J. Hayes will be neil. All, fiall., one choiced, I've had been wanting to get something on strain. Let us correct your eyes, pected home for the holidays to-bring a good price. independent, asked to set the verdict aside. The been wanting to get something on the direction of the direc

### NEGROES MAY RICHMOND CAPITAL MAY COMPLETE BRIDGE SAVE POPULAR

Otherwise, Closing of The Alkrama Would Cripple The Carolina Left Alone in The Field

A happy solution of a problem that has threatened to limit the showing of many notable talking screen productions in Elizabeth City was arrived at this week when W. T. Culpepper decided to abandon the Gaiety Theatre for colored people, give the balcony of the Alkrama Theatre to the colored people and thereby save The Alkrama

The Alkrama Theatre has not been paying its way since Mr. Culpepper installed a sound system in the Carolina Theatre and began to give Elizabeth City the big hits in

But to have closed the Alkrama would have restricted him to the use of 150 flims a year and the big moving picture producers insist upon their clients buying a great many more pictures than that if they are to get any price concession at all.

And so this week The Alkrama Theatre is being remodeled to take care of a colored patronage that is expected to enable it to continue as a popular price playhouse for white people as well. The two races will make no contact in the remodeled theatre; the colored people will have their own entrance to the balcony on the North Side of the house. A stairway nearly six feet wide from the street will replace the old three foot stairway that now leads to the balcony from the lobby. The Alkrama will cater to the better class of colored people, not showing the low types of pictures that appeal to the hoodlum element.

krama bi-racial until he had dis- Mrs. Combs has gone to Philadel-

LOCAL THEATER Virginia Capitalists Enter Into Optional Contract to Finance Construction of Kitty Hawk Bridge

> Richmond, Virginia capitalists may build the unfinished bridge over Currituck Sound between Point Harbor in Currituck County and Kitty Hawk in Dare. An agreement was entered into this week between L .C. Blades and W. G. Gaither of the Kitty Hawk Co. and Thos. Gresham and R. H. Bruce, of Richmond, Va., by which Messrs. Gresham and Bruce will build the bridge contingent upon their attorneys approving the contract. The contract expires within 30 days. Mr. Gresham is a wealthy hotel

> > bridge.

Tells Her Hubby Good-Bye



Mr. Culpepper says he did not and demanded the custody of their

To Serve The

Does it pay a bank to cater to the

sinking fund for the retirement of the bonas. C. W. Harrison brought the Richmond man and the local man to-DR. HOWARD J. COMBS, young gether. Mr. Harrison seld himself "If the experiment succeeds," says Elizabeth City physician and sur- to the Richmond financiers as Mr. Culpepper, "I plan to install a geon is telling his friends that he thoroly as he formerly sold himsound system in the Alkrama, as can now have some privacy and self to the Elizabeth City men. He good as the sound system in the peace in his home and give more sold them the Kitty Hawk Bridge. Carolina; it will be necessary to do time and thought to the practice of But these Richmonders know what this because practically all of the his profession. Mrs. Combs has left they are doing; they will take the good pictures of the future will be him. The articles of separation major profits from the operation of sound pictures of the future will be sound pictures or Talkies; the silent have not been made public, but it is what is expected to be the most atpicture will be rarely shown in the understod that she shook him down tractive and most profitable tollfor an allowance of \$200 a month bridge in North Carolina. reach a decision to make the Al- one child. It is understood that business men with a lot of capital at

Being shrewd and responsible cussed the matter with many representative citizens. "No where," is from a studio portrait of Mrs. (Continued on Next Page)

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Continued on Next Page) their command, it is resort. Mr. Gresham is an experienced hotel man.

It is hoped that the terms of the contract will be accepted and work of construction upon the bridge started early in January. All of the piles and timber for the three mile long bridge have been bought and much of it is already on the yards in Norfolk, Va. waiting upon the refinancing of the project. No time will be lost for lack of materials and the W. L. Jones Construction Co., contractors for the bridge, will lose no time; they are fast workers. They say the bridge should be completed and open for traffic by the first of May, 1930, if the contract is accepted.

since its oganization 26 years ago, a fact that in itself lends evidence to the efficiency of the officers and directors.

The Savings Bank started out to cater to the small depositor. To-Little Fellow day it numbers among its depositors some of the biggest mercantile and industrial accounts in the city

-Tut. Tut Too Bad! Dan Allen one of Raleigh's most beloved citizens and a prominent realtor, dies at his home there from angina pec toris. His death came as a shocl to the community in which he has been a leader for many years.

About 1,500,00 French soldier. were killed in the World War.

England is rounding up shoplift

#### CHEERING UP THE EDITOR

Letter's like this make an editor feel good. "Inclosed find check for which

renew my subscription for one year and send The Independent for one year to M. S. Mann, P. O. Box 499, Washington, N. C. I consider The Independent the best paper published in the State" This from Mr. D. M. Lucas, Washington, N. C., for many years a subscriber to The Independent.

## MORE MONEY FOR NORTH CAROLINA FISHERMEN

#### Revenue of Carolina Fishermen Could be Increased By Tens of Thousands of Dollars Annually

That North Carolina fishermen could realize five to ten cents a pound more for their fish, increasing their revenue by tens of thousands of dollars annually, by the simple expedient of paying more attention to icing, packing and shipping is the opinion of important New York wholesale fish dealers interviewed by the editor of this newspaper last week.

Fresh fish caught in North Carolina waters South of Elizabeth It Started Out City are 48 hours or more in transit between the fishing grounds and the New York market. A shad or a striped bass caught in Albemarle or Pamlico Sounds on a Monday may not reach the table of a New Yorker until the follow Friday. small fellow as well as to the large

No North Carolina fishermen No North Carolina fishermen one? Ask Harry G. Kramer, cashwould think of eating a fresh fish ier of the Savings Bank & Trust two to four days old that had been Company of this city, this question transported hundreds of miles. But and he will undoubtedly tell you since he expects the city fellow up North to eat that same fish he that it does. should take every precaution to get Starting in business on December that fish to market in the firmest 14, 1903, with a total capital of \$25,and most salable condition possible. 000, the Savings Bank & Trust Com-

The fanciest fish shipped from pany adopted the slogan "Sympaour waters are shad, rock, bluefish thetic to every need. Faihtful to and trout. All of them are delicate lish and should be handled as carefully as a fruit grower handles his melons and peaches. A shad rudely thrown out of a boat upon a wharf is bruised. The bruise is not apparent at once but it shows up. apparent at once, but it shows up The Savings Bank & Trust Comwhen the fish gets to market. The pany merged with the Mercantile scales peel off where the fish was Bank in 1915, at which time its capibruised. That fish will not bring tal was increased to \$40,000. Again the high market price; it takes a in 1918 its capital was increased to \$100,000. Its undivided profits and low grade and a low price.

Rock when taken from our waters surplus is estimated at \$175,000. THIS pretty brunette is Miss Mav- are usually full of feed. If not care- Today it is one of the most importourneen James, daughter of Mr. and fully handled and carefully packed, ant Banking houses in North East-Mrs. B. B. James of South Mills. their intestines are ruptured and an ern North Carolina. The whole nervous system of the She is a teacher in the Crisp School acid taste communicated to the body. The regular six per cent semi-